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Care Break and Picnic and Meeting

Care Break starts Thursday, July 3, 2008 and runs through Sunday, July 6, 2008 this year. Be sure to check the included sign-up sheet for available time slots.

Friday evening at 6:00 pm you are invited to the annual Ribs and Chicken barbeque. This is a pot luck affair as well, so bring the whole family and a dish to pass – we always have plenty to go around.

The meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.

From Joe K8CQF:

Extracted from Gongwer newsletter,
Saturday June 28

COPPER THEFT: The three bills to tackle the growing problem (SB 1358, SB 720 and SB 114) all passed unanimously and essentially create a paper trail on copper sales both to deter criminals and to provide a way of tracing them should stolen metal be sold.

Copper is growing in short supply worldwide and the problem of copper theft has become particularly acute. In urban areas thieves will strip houses of wiring and pipes and sell them. Thieves have stolen telephone wire in rural areas. Even bronze statues and memorials off monuments have been stolen and sold.

Under the bills, persons convicted of stealing copper would face increasing penalties from 93 days in jail

to 10 years in prison depending on the severity of the offense.

Metal and junk dealers would have to keep records of all metal purchases, especially non-ferrous metal sales, under the bills. Any purchases in excess of \$50 would have to be paid by check.

And dealers could not purchase any monuments brought into them.

Volkstaufe

"We have an opportunity to help out at the Frankenmuth Volkstaufe 10 K race on Friday July 4th. Although this falls on Care Break weekend, is there anyone who is not working the morning of Friday July 4th from 7 - noon that might be interested in helping out at this event? If we have enough operators available, then we will contact the Frankenmuth JC's and offer our services."

Since this is such a short event, it should have minimal impact on care break volunteers. If you would like to help with the Volkstaufe, please send an email to Ron at kc8yvf@arrl.net

2008 Field Day Report

Dave, N8ERL

Other than some windy weather on Saturday night, the SVARA 2008 Field Day was pretty successful. There were a total of seven stations: The club trailer station, captained this year by Bob, N8YXR; 80 meters, captained by Mike, KD8AUZ; 40 meters, captained by Bill, W8CWD; 15 meters captained by Lou, W8LPV; 6 meters, captained by Dave, N8ERL; the digital station, captained by Keith N8XD, the GOTA station captained by Mike N8XPS.

I don't have all the logs in yet, but I think we had some pretty good scores. Joe, K8CQF made the rounds (have key, will travel) and did a lot of CW work. His granddaughter and a friend spent a lot of time working with the GOTA station and just did a great job.

We had a lot of help setting up, a lot of members and guests stopping by and a lot of fun operating. Jeff, KC8BDQ, and Judy, KC8BYI kept the food coming and also had some time to operate this year.

Thanks to everyone from your chairman. I am humbled to be associated with such a fine and classy bunch of amateur radio operators.



Added by the editor.





FOURTH OF JULY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Thursday, July 3	Friday, July 4	Saturday, July 5	Sunday, July 6
12 – 3 am		Ben Weirauch	Lou, W8LPV	Ben Weirauch
		Sara Webster	Eileen Vescio	Sara Webster
3 - 6 am		Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
		John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	
6 - 9 am		Joe, K8CQF Kionna	Joe, K8CQF Kionna	Joe, K8CQF Kionna
9 - 12 noon	Roger, K8DVX	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	Lou, W8LPV
	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB
12 - 3 pm	Roger, K8DVX	Bob, N8YXR	Bob, N8YXR	Jim, WA8GRI
	Ron, KC8YVF	Jennie, KC0RBV	Jennie, KC0RBV	Judy Stutesman
3 - 6 pm	Muriel, KD6TVY	Jim, WA8GRI	Bill, WA8KFC	Muriel, KD6TVY
	Wayne, W7KEH	Judy Stutesman	George, N8NPW	Wayne, W7KEH
6 - 9 pm	Gordy, KC8YVD	Gordy, KC8YVD	Judy, KC8BYI	Gordy, KC8YVD
	Joe, KD8AFM	Susie Schram	Jeff, KC8BDQ	Susie Schram
9 - 12 midnight		Dave, N8ERL		
		Howard, KD8DX		

Daily Contacts:

Thursday: Emmett, W8EAB

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

Picnic will be Friday, July 4, 2008 at 6:00 pm. Meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.

General Membership Meeting
June 6, 2008
Red Cross

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.
N8XD thanked everyone for the cards and calls and visits while he was hospitalized.

Members conversed about the storm that went through just before the meeting. There was widespread damage across the entire city.

Introductions were made.

The secretary's report was accepted on a motion by N8ERL that was seconded by KC8YVD. All were in favor.

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by N8YXR that was seconded by N8ERL. All were in favor.

EC Report from KC8YVF: Ron discussed the damage from the storm in the Old Town district. He also described the duties of volunteer radio operators in the aftermath of the storm.

N8ERL made an announcement about Field Day. He would like to have a pot luck this year, with the addition of KC8BDQ grilling hot dogs, at 6:00 pm on Saturday. N8XPS volunteered to staff the G.O.T.A. station this year.

KC8BYI asked about the Frankenmuth Boy Scouts helping out at Care Break.

From W8LPV: Metro Detroit Youth Day is July 9, 2008. KD8AUZ will provide his pick-up truck for the event. A driver is needed.

There was no new business.

N8YXR moved to close and was seconded by KC8BDQ. The president postponed the motion until after the 50/50 drawing.

The 50/50 drawing was won by KC8YVD for \$10.00

The meeting closed at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting - monthly on the 1st Friday, 8:00 p.m.
at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday
following the general membership meeting,
8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting,
9:00 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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